

America. America has sold its soul to China, Mexico, Japan. If we were ever to go into another world war, we could not even build what we would need to fight it. Is there a steel mill left in America? Is there a textile mill left in America? You would be pretty hard pressed to find one, a sad statement on us.

As to what I do? No trips during the week except to work and back. If I can do any errand on the way, great, otherwise, it waits till the weekend. I plan one trip, one circle. If something is missed, too bad, it is missed. The real clincher is this, I tithe to my church, I give the Lord 10% of my gross income. It costs me almost as much, \$10 less, to keep my car in gasoline between paychecks. Now I think it is pretty awful when I have to give the gas company as much as I give the Lord. He gives me everything I have, the gas company gives me nothing except anger when I hear of the profits they make. And I think that pretty well sums it up, 10% to the Lord vs. almost as much to the gas company!

DIANNE, *Hayden Lake.*

I am a taxi driver here in Boise. In a year's time, the cost to fill my tank has increased nearly 100% but my average fare has remained static. If it were not for my military retirement, I would no longer make enough to cover basic costs and make a profit. I am 61 years old and am not practiced in a marketable skill so the prospect of making a move to another occupation is nil. My only reasonable hope is that Boise will increase our per mile fees in the near future; it is unlikely that fuel prices will decrease in the near future.

I have been watching your position on domestic drilling with interest. Though alternative energy sources are imperative for the future of America, I am pleased to see that you share my position that energy self-reliance is the immediate solution to our present crisis. I applaud you and urge you to continue your good work and prosecute this agenda with rigor.

EARLE, *Boise.*

Not only is the fuel much too high but I cannot find employment. I am over 60, have experience, but it seems I am "over-qualified" or I need more "experience". What a lot of rubbish! I call it age discrimination, but that is difficult to prove. With the fuel prices so high, if I do find employment, it will take a huge chunk of my pay just to get back and forth to work. Are unemployment benefits going to be extended for Idaho residents? My benefits ended this week, no hope of a job in sight and my husband can not work due to medical reasons. What is a person to do?

Getting Desperate

JANET, *Emmett.*

As Director of Gritman Adult Day Health which provides day health care for elders who want to remain in their own home in Moscow and Latah County, I am including an article from the NY Times which talks about the cost of gas and how it affects rural elderly. It is very sad that these folks who often aren't able to drive are so affected by the cost of gas. Please do everything you can to remedy this: http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121263496261947543.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

BARB, *Moscow.*

Gasoline prices are now far too high for the average family, and causing increasing rises in the cost of living in many other areas. For instance, every time one goes to the grocery store, an increase in pricing is noted on items, and thus causing many to have to go without needed supplies. Saving a percentage

of income has become just a dream for many, and others cannot make ends meet without going into further debt.

BEVERLY, *Parma.*

Yes, gas has gotten way out of hand. Do what you can to decrease the costs and return to a life with some normalcy.

DIANA, *Kootenai.*

Thank you for at least noticing that we have a problem with the cost. I do not believe, however, that anything can be done with out us paying somewhere else. I make a good living working for the military here in Boise but am still unable to put any money aside. It is funny that every time we receive a pay raise that the price of fuel goes up and our health care premiums grow as well, so you never see any savings. Thanks again; good luck with this effort.

CLINTON, *Emmett.*

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LARRY VANDERHOEF

• Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I am pleased to recognize the career and contributions of University of California, Davis, Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef for his 25 years of service to the university.

Chancellor Vanderhoef was born in a small Wisconsin town and was the first person in his family to graduate from high school. After high school, he attended the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, where he earned a B.S. and M.S. in biology and later earned a Ph.D. in plant biochemistry at Purdue University. Chancellor Vanderhoef began his career in education at the University of Illinois in 1970 as a faculty member and was appointed provost at the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1980. He spent the next 4 years at the University of Maryland before heading west to California and the University of California, Davis, in 1984.

Chancellor Vanderhoef began his career at U.C. Davis serving as executive vice chancellor and later as provost/executive vice chancellor. In April 1994, Larry Vanderhoef was named the fifth chancellor of the University of California, Davis.

Under Chancellor Vanderhoef's leadership, U.C. Davis experienced a period of dramatic growth, adding 4 million square feet of office, classroom, lab, and clinical space to support its 8,000 additional students and 44 percent more faculty. He revitalized the south end of campus with the additions of the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Performing Arts Center, the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, and the Graduate School of Management.

During Chancellor Vanderhoef's tenure at Davis, the university was invited to join the Association of American Universities, recognizing Davis's standing as a top research university. The campus has also been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as the 11th best public university and Wash-

ington Monthly recognized it as the 8th best university for their contributions to society.

Over his career, Chancellor Vanderhoef has been honored for his dedicated leadership at U.C. Davis and in the community. In 2003, the Arts and Business Council of Sacramento honored him with its Prelude to the Season Outstanding Contribution Award; in 2004, he was honored as Sacramentan of the Year by the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce; and in 2006 he was given the Northern California International Leadership Award from the Northern California World Trade Center and California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency for his efforts to increase the campus's international engagement. He was also named one of the 20 people who have contributed most substantially to California's Capital Region over the past 20 years by The Sacramento Business Journal.

As the University of California and Davis community gather to celebrate the retirement of Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef, I would like to congratulate him and thank him for his service to California. •

REMEMBERING DOROTHY GREEN

• Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I am honored to remember a great American activist, environmental leader, mentor, and woman of service—Dorothy Green, who passed away on October 13, 2008, at the age of 79.

Dorothy's career as a leading environmental activist for clean and sound water policy spanned three decades. She was well known for her self-taught expertise on clean oceans and responsible water management. She also founded several well-known organizations that continue to make an impact on California's environment.

Dorothy Green was born in Detroit to Polish immigrants in 1929. She moved to California where she graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in music. She married her husband Jacob in 1951. For many years, Dorothy stayed home and took care of her children. In 1962, she began dedicating her life to volunteerism with her involvement in the Exceptional Children's Foundation, committed to helping children with developmental disabilities—like her son, Hershel.

Dorothy began advocating for water quality in 1972 when she volunteered in a campaign to establish the California Coastal Commission. From there, Dorothy became president of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters, where she focused primarily on sewage treatment. However, Dorothy is best known for forming one of the largest, nonprofit environmental groups in Los Angeles in 1985, Heal the Bay. Heal the Bay has grown to 15,000 members and fights to protect coastal waters, clean up beaches, and reports on the